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TO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJEC : RELIEF PROGRAM SOUTH SUDAN - UNHCR

REF: GENEVA 5519, KHARTOUM 2313

1. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF US FOOD SUPPLIES EMERGENCY
PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN IN FY 1973 AND PROJECTED TOTALS
FOR FY 1974:

-----ACTUAL FY 1973-----

COMMODITY-----	AMOUNT (LBS)-----	VALUE-----
CSM-----	3,822,999	371,000
CORN MEAL-----	13,934,000	661,000
NFDM-----	190,000	70,000
VEG. OIL-----	3,535,000	559,000
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	21,481,000	1,661,000

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----- TRANSPORT ----- 1,287,000

-----TOTAL FY 1973----- 2,948,000

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-----PROJECTED FY 1974-----

COMMODITY-----AMOUNT (LBS)-----VALUE

CSM----- 2,152,000-----
 CORN MEAL----- 2,814,000-----
 VEG. OIL----- 498,000-----
 ----- 5,464,000-----628,000(EST)
 ----- TRANSPORT-----239,000(EST)
 ----- TOTAL FY 74-----867,000
 - -----TOTAL FY 73 AND 74---3,815,000

2. AS NOTED BY EMBASSY KHARTOUM FY 74 TOTALS PART OF OVER-ALL USG CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL SOUTHERN SUDANESE PROGRAM.

3. LIKEWISE, AS EMBASSY KHARTOUM HAS POINTED OUT, IT SEEMS TO US THAT USG FOOD CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE TREATED AS FULFILLING ACTUAL NEED, AS CONTRASTED WITH AN ORIGINAL, TENTATIVE ESTIMATE THAT HAS PROVED TO BE EXCESSIVE. THEREFORE WE SUGGEST THAT THE TOTAL UNHCR BUDGET SHOULD BE REDUCED BY AN AMOUNT COMPARABLE TO THE REDUCTION IN THE USG FOOD CONTRIBUTION.

4. DEPARTMENT FAILS UNDERSTAND SUDDEN UNHCR CONCERN SINCE SUBJECT RAISED WITH JAMESON IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 3, 1973. AT THAT TIME IT WAS EXPLAINED FULLY THAT SUBSTANTIAL SHORTFALL IN FOOD PORTION OF CONTRIBUTION WOULD OCCUR. JAMESON, WHO HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VOLAGS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO MAY 3 MEETING HERE, UNDERSTOOD THAT BASIC REASON FOR SHORTFALL WAS FACT THAT TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES HAD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE MOVE COMMODITIES INTO SUDAN AS QUICKLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS EXPECTED. SINCE REFUGEE RETURN ALSO SLOWER THAN EXPECTED, EXTENSION OF UNHCR PROGRAM AND OF US CONTRIBUTION THERETO FORTUITOUSLY COINCIDED. KISSINGER

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